

EXHIBIT E

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HARUO FURUTA ET AL : EXAMINER: OWENS, D.
SERIAL NO: 10/014,345 :
FILED: DECEMBER 14, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2811
FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND :
MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREFOR

DECLARATION OF ARLENE HUFF

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

I, ARLENE HUFF declare and state that

(1) I am employed as Assistant Supervisor at Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C. (hereinafter "Oblon"). I have been employed at Oblon for 6 years.

(2) Among other things, I am the Assistant Supervisor for the Electrical/Mechanical Department that is responsible for filing patent applications at the USPTO. I am familiar with the procedures employed by the firm and the procedures for handling applications at our firm.

(3) The Information Disclosure Statement/PTO Form 1449/List of Related Cases Statement for the above-identified patent application was prepared for filing by staff working in my Department. As part of the Oblon firm's procedure, we include a copy of the specification, claims and figures of related applications with a newly filed application at the time of filing when a complete copy of the related application is provided by our client.

(4) I have reviewed the specification, claims and figures of the Oblon firm's file for the above-identified patent application, and confirm that the contents of this file have remained unchanged since filed at the USPTO on December 14, 2001, and is the same as the copy provided in APPENDIX A of "Petition under 37 CFR §1.182", which I have reviewed and understand is being filed with my Declaration.

I further state that all statements made herein to my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such any willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom.

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